

Members receive \$200 referral bonuses

Two members of Independence Square Townhouses received \$200 checks as referral bonuses in October.

They were Debbie Malone and Daniel Valerio. The members were recognized at the board meeting.

Daniel received two checks for referring two new members.

We thank these members for their vote of confidence in our cooperative and for helping us attract qualifying new members.

Word-of-mouth recommendations are our best source of new members. When you tell others to consider Independence Square for their new home, it means that you enjoy living here and that you know someone else who would be a good neighbor for us.

The referral should be mentioned at the time of application.

The referring member will receive \$200 after the applicant moves in.

Helen McElfresh is November Good Neighbor

A kind woman with a big heart is how Helen McElfresh is described by her neighbors, Lindsay Torres and Michael Benz.

"Helen always greets us when we come outside and she always has a smile on her face or a joke to tell to brighten our day," they wrote in nominating Helen as the Good Neighbor of the Month for November.

Lindsay and Michael appreciate the many rides Helen has given them to the store and other places.

They describe Helen's yard as "neat and clean" and she "always sweeps the sidewalks."

Helen is a good listener who will offer suggestions when asked with empathy and without judgment.

The Good Neighbor award recognizes members who exemplify the special spirit of cooperation that makes our community a better place for all of us.

The board of directors will recognize Helen McElfresh at 6 p.m. during the open session of the November 20 meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor of the Month award, Helen will receive a \$25 gift card.

Dates to Remember

November

Carrying charges due: November 1

Recycled papers picked up: November 7

Carrying charges delinquent: November 12

Board Meeting: November 20
Open session at 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to attorney: November 21

Thanksgiving observed: November 22 and 23
Office closed

December

Carrying charges due: December 1

Recycled papers picked up: December 5

Carrying charges delinquent: December 10

Accounts sent to attorney: December 20

Christmas observed: December 24 and 25
Office closed

NOVEMBER

Around
the SQUARE

2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Marilyn Porter
president

Sheryl Frank
vice president

Ray Gamble
secretary-treasurer

Ed Korte

Mike Gamble

HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Independence Square
Townhouses office
816.252.0444

Central Jackson
County Patrol
9 p.m. to 4 a.m.
816.645.3001

Animal Shelter
816.325.7207

Animal Control Dispatcher
816.325.7205

Citizens Info Center
816.325.7000

Police (Non-emergency)
816.325.7300

Police (Emergency)
911

Report Power Outage
816.325.7550



You may not recognize these three costumed cooperative characters: witch, Martha Ramcke; little girl, Sheryl Frank; and Father Time, Carol Gibson.

Martha is the assistant on-site manager at Independence Square, where Sheryl is vice president of the board. Carol is the longtime on-site manager of Highleah.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE, HIGHLEAH WIN SECOND PLACE IN HALLOWEEN PARADE

Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., and Highleah Townhouses, Inc., earned a second-place trophy in the commercial float division of the 64th Annual Halloween Parade.

Proudly promoting cooperative living, staff and board members from the two housing cooperatives shared in the fun of the parade competition on October 27 on the historic Independence Square.

All entries were required to use a Halloween theme. Tombstones with the names of Highleah and Independence Square townhouses decorated the sides of the float. Also featured was a replica of a townhouse created by Martha Ramcke, assistant on-site manager.



Witch Martha holds the second-place trophy awarded to Independence Square and Highleah.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

The office is collecting food and cash donations for Independence Square families in need during the holidays.

To donate, please stop by the cooperative office. Thank you.

Call United Way 2-1-1 for Help

One call can help you locate resources in the Kansas City area.

By simply dialing 2-1-1 on your phone, you can locate a food pantry, prescription assistance, a support group and other community resources and volunteer opportunities.

The phone calls are answered by United Way specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week all year round. The service is free and confidential.

For more information, visit the United Way of Greater Kansas City Web site, www.unitedwaykc.org.

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board Meeting October 16, 2012

Marilyn Porter, president, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Other board members attending were Sheryl Frank, vice president; Ray Gamble, secretary-treasurer; Ed Korte and Mike Gamble.

Also present were Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; Melva Linville, property manager, and Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

The next board meeting is November 20.

Minutes of the August and September board meetings were approved.

Open Session

Nine members signed in for the open session: Lorie Marler, Jean Hudgen, Lindsay Torres, Michael Benz, Cheryl Cooper, Bea Parks, Jessie Phillips, Phyllis Cannon and Gloria Isles.

Marilyn welcomed them and opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Mike presented the maintenance superintendent's report. From September 19 to October 16, 125 work orders were called in and 108 completed. Replaced were one refrigerator, one range, one garbage disposal, one kitchen faucet, one

bath faucet, one kitchen floor, one bath floor, one bath sink and one kitchen sink.

Since the last meeting, there have been seven move-ins and two move-outs. Furnace inspections will start on October 22. The retaining walls in front of 1211 and 1221 will be replaced by maintenance.

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 44 statements of charges due, one attorney referral, 23 defaults, three animal violations and four vehicle violations.

Ten units are for sale. All units are paying carrying charges.

Ray announced recipients of \$200 referral bonuses: Daniel Valerio, two bonuses, and Debbie Malone, one bonus.

Alexis reported that six members have called the office to express interest in an Adult Play Day.

Jean Hudgen won the \$25 gift card in the door prize drawing.



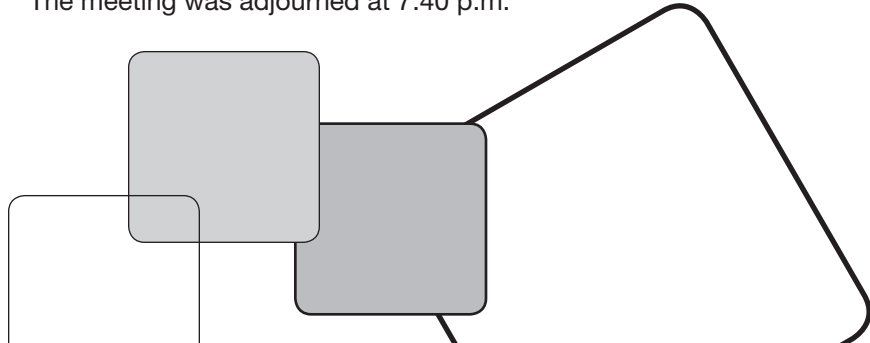
Ray Gamble, board secretary-treasurer, presents a \$25 gift card to Jean Hudgen for winning the door prize drawing at the October board meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.

Closed Session

Dudley reviewed the attorney status report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Got a good neighbor? Tell us who . . .

Independence Square is full of unsung heroes.

They may be the neighbor who brings you a meal when you're sick or who gives you a ride to the grocery store when your car is in the shop or who takes care of your cat when you're away.

They may be the neighbor who volunteers to serve on committees or who organizes activities. You may have seen a neighbor picking up litter in your neighborhood.

Whatever the act of kindness, Independence Square is a better place to live because of these unsung heroes.

And now, we want you to help us recognize them with the Independence Square Good Neighbor honor.

Please tell us about your neighbor by filling in the form and turning it in to the office.

The kindness can be a one-time act or it can be something done on a regular basis.

The act of kindness can benefit just one person, a neighborhood or the entire cooperative.

One Good Neighbor will be recognized every month and will receive a \$25 gift card.

Nominees must be members in good standing.

All information will be verified.

The Good Neighbor recognition program will continue throughout the year. When you're touched by another's kindness, please nominate that person.

Good Neighbor Nomination

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Your phone number: _____

I nominate _____
(Please give full name of neighbor your are nominating.)

Neighbor's address: _____

Neighbor's phone number: _____

Please understand that phone numbers are necessary so we can talk with both the nominator and the nominee to verify all information. Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.

Explain why you are nominating this person. What has

she or he done to be a good neighbor?

Tell us about your neighbor:

Why does or did your neighbor do this?

In what way does this act of kindness help you or others?

How long has he or she lived in Independence Square?

Optional:

Other members of the household?

Occupation?

Any other information you'd like share?

For Office Use Only

Is the nominee a member in good standing?

_____ **Yes** _____ **No**